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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : James A. Hoffmann et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicants are herewith filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of U.S. Serial No. 09/928,198. A notice of appeal was filed for this application on May 16, 2003. This RCE is intended to withdraw the application from appeal and reenter prosecution.

Also enclosed is a petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. The Applicants authorize the Office to charge the necessary fee for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 05-0840 in the name of Eli Lilly and Company.

In response to the Office Action dated 16 April 2003, Paper No. 16, please amend this application as follows: